IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
**	: Examiner: B. K. Talbot
MICHINORI SHINKAI, ET AL.)
	: Group Art Unit: 1715
Application No.: 10/582,920)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a final Office Action, dated January 10, 2011.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination with this Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner is requested to amend the application, as follows.